MISS MONKTON'S MAR-RIAGE.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "A FRENCH HEIRESS IN HER OWN CHATEAU."

> CHAPTER XII. LADY FITZPATRICK.

There was a fashionable place in those days, not a hundred miles from London which shall be called Gaytown-by-thewhich shall be called Gaytown-by-the-Sea. London people who had any reason for disliking Brighton, and yet liked sea air combined with dancing and card-playing, went there a good deal. There were Assembly Rooms, a high prom-enade overloooking the sea, a few good shops, and a comfortable hotel. The climate was supposed to be very mild, and so it was in the first fortnight of Letitia's married life, which she spent there. She and her husband, however, did not take much part in the galeties of did not take much part in the galeties of the place, neither did they walk up and down the promenade. They spent most of their days away on the shore, enjoying the green tumbling sea and the fantastic forms of the yellow cliffs, picking up shells and sea-weed like two happy children. Crosby sketched, and Letitia suggested gested and admired. People at Gaytown wondered who they were, and what they were doing, this young couple who some-how looked more fitted for society than for roughing it as they did, making friends with the fishermen and venturing out in boats on this winter sea with most surprising boldness. Yet nobody who thought the thing strange knew how strange it really was, and that the young bride herself often wondered who she and her husband were. She had married him in full faith and trust. At the moment when the mystery might have been cleared up to her by a glance at the register, her mind had been confused and her eyes blinded by tears. Since then Crosby had told her nothing, and she had not chosen to ask him; yet at times, now that the first excitement was over, she felt quite wild with curiosity. Nobody knew where they were for Cros-would not let her write. Kitty's revelations had been quite enough, he thought, to set Sir George's and everydody's mind at rest. He told Letitia that they knew everything and were quite happy about her. Letitia smiled as she thought: "Then you can't be a tailor's son;" but she asked no questions, though she won-dered how they knew. Crosby saw the wonder in her eyes and answered it:

"Molly O'Brien was a traitor, and told Kitty all sorts of things." "If they all know, why shouldn't I?" thought Letty, but she did not say it. One evening, as they walked back along the sands, Crosby said to her:

"This is rather an important day to me, and it is our last but one at Gay-town, unless you wish to stay longer. But you shall decide this to-morrow before I order the horses.

"As you please," said Letitia. "I like the place amazingly. Perhaps we may be here again some day."

"Yes; for certainly no place can be associated with more charming recollec-

"No, indeed. But what is it that makes this an important day to you?" "It is three years to-night since I laid a wager, which I have won. And after all it was not such a foolish one," said

The morning of the next day broke such things were tiresome and ridiculous, all, whether her father-in-law-he was dead, too-had been an Irish tailor or an Irish squire. But she was ashamed of her ill-temper all the time, and looked up smiling when her husband pointed out a ray of sunshine shooting from under a flying cloud, and said that the weather was clearing off, and they might as well take a turn on the promenade

"To tell you the truth, my dear Letthere. So pray put your bonnet on, and let us go at once.

"O yes! What friend is it?" asked Letitis. "I had no notion that you knew any one here."

"He arrived from town last night," said Croshy; and with this Letitia had with a ring: to be satisfied.

By the time they reached the promenade the sun had fairly chased the clouds away, and was shining out quite warmly and pleasantly. The sea was covered with white horses frisking, and made a great noise as it came thundering on the rocks down below. There was a a fresh wind still blowing, and people who ventured on the promenade could hardly keep their feet at first. In consesequence of this it was almost deserted. But at the farther end of it there was a quiet place sheltered by a wall of cliff; and here, long before they reached it, Letitia saw a lady and gentleman stand-

ing.
"Are those your friends, Gerald?" she

"Yes, dearest," he answered, pressing her arm, and looking down with a bright triumphant smile.

The rude wind had disarranged his wife's bonnet a little, and had blown some curls over her face. But he thought she had never looked more lovely than she did that morning by the sea, as he led her on to meet those two who were waiting for them in the shadow of the

As for those two, the lady was middleaged and the gentleman young. As

"Mother, this is my wife," said Gerald,

gently.

"My sweet girl!" said the lady, embracing Letitia, who felt as if she was in Murder Draws at the Circus.

[Rome Correspondence.]

"Will Lady Fitzpatrick spare a word to her brother Dennis?" said the young man after a moment; and Letitia turned round to shake hands with the strongest possible likeness of her husband. Only ly Dennis was rather shorter, and not quite so ornamental.

"Ah, now tell me who he is," said Letitia looking up at Gerald's mother with all the earnestness of an Irish girl.
"Do you mean to say he has not told you? You poor, dear, heroic creature!"

"Why, my lady, of course he has not told her!" exclaimed Dennis, laughing. "He would have lost that wager of ours, which I have regretted so bitterly ever since. However, my five thousand pounds won't go out of the family, that s some comfort. Now, Fitzpatrick, I hope you mean to pay your debts. By-the-bye, all is smooth for you with Sir George Monkton. We met him in town the day before yesterday. He attacked me like a raging lion, actually mistaking me for you—that's a compliment for you. I could not have pacified him, but her ladyship took him in hand and

brought him to reason." "Hush, Dennis; remember who you are talking of," said his mother. "Come, dear Letitia, I'll walk to your lodgings, and we will leave these two rattlepates to settle their own affairs. I am afraid this distracted wager of theirs has cost you a good deal of suffering."

"O no," said Letitia, as the lady took her arm, and walked with her towards the town. "I could not have been happier. But pray tell me who he is, and all about it.

"My dear. I can't understand your not knowing. He is Lord Fitzpatrick, of course. Only an frish peerage, people will tell you; but for my part I think we are as good as the English. As to this wager, he began by spending large sums on building and improving, and a great deal of nonsense. He went beyond his income and got into difficulties. Then he resolved to volunteer into the army. His brother said to him very naturally, that no doubt his name would get him a commission at once. This hurt Fitzpatrick's foolish pride. He told Dennis he would lay him a wager of five thousand pounds that he would keep his name and birth a profound secret for three years, be known as nothing cret for three years, be known as nothing but an adventurer, and get on in the army as well as any other man. He even said that if any stories were invested as to be a first appearance. ed as to his birth, he would not contradict them. We never thought such a mad idea could be carried out for three mad idea could be carried out for three that the manager requested to have an extra force of police to keep clear the approaches to the theater. It is calculated has contrived to win you, too, by far the gayest feather in his cap. I am obliged to respect him now."

Lady Fitzpatrick talked a good deal more about her sons and their wager; but this was all that Letitia cared much to hear. Except that she was glad to find the dear name Crosby not quite an imagination; it was his mother's name. And Gerald was really his own.

The story of Miss Monkton's marriage may as well end here. One has the sat-isfaction of knowing that Letitia never regretted her trust in the Irish adven-

Sir George was angry for some time, and did not finally forgive them till Humphrey Barrett, having married a with furious showers of hail, and Letitia, who had been looking forward to a last who had been looking forward to a last on the wrong side, which was his father-walk, stood at the window rather disapin-law's. After this Sir George repented, of the metropolis, &c. Whether this

such things were tiresome and ridiculous, and that it did not much signify, after Letitia's children, charmingly agreeable "Vival" and at the end of her poor perpeople as they are. I can only think of formance, which, it is agreed on all their mother as almost a child herself, hands, was below mediocrity, she was apdancing round the room in a white frock, plauded with renewed enthusiasm and all her curls shaking, or trotting smilingly along the snowy shrubbery, wrapped sides being very singular, was, to a cer-in scarlet, to her first meeting with the tain extent, painful. The wretched hehero of her dreams.

THE END.

A Second Wedding Bing. [All the Year Round.]

Samuel Bishop (died 1795), Master of Merchant Taylors' School, wrote some poems, the best of which is in praise of his wife on the anniversary of her wed-ding day, which was also her birthday,

with a ring:

"Thee, Mary, with this ring I wed"—
So fourtoen years ago I said.
Behold another ring! For what?
To wed thee o'er again? Why not?
With that figst ring I married youth,
Grace, beauty, innocence, and truth;
Taste long admir d, sense long revered,
Ant all my Molly then appeared.
If she, by merit since disclored,
Prove twice the woman I supposed,
I plend that dopble merit now
To just fy a double vow;
Here, then, to-day (with faith as sure,
With ardor as intense, as pure,
As when amid the rites divine,
I took tay troth, and pligated mine)
To thee, sweet girl, my second ring
A token and a pledge I bring:
With this ring I wed till death us part,
Thy riper virtues to my heart:
Those virtue whose i rowessive claim,
Endearing wedlock's very name,
My soul enjoys, my song approves,
For conscience sake, as well as love's.
And why? They show me every hour
Honor's high thought, affection's power,
Discretion's deed, sound judgment's sentence,
And teach me all things—but repentance.

This, from Peck's Milwaukee Sun, is very good advice: "A man has just died in the Portsmouth (N. H.) Poor-house who was one hundred and eighteen years old and who had been an inmate of the Poor-house for seventy-six years. Young man, if you want to live to a good old age, quit your carousing and go to the Poor-house."

Letitis came nearer to him, she saw in their smiling dark eyes, their graceful figures, such a wonderful likeness to Crosby, that she half stopped and clung to him.

"O Gerald, who are they?"

He did not answer; for, seeing her movement, the lady came quickly forward. we'll take whisky anyhow.

CRIME AS AN ATTRACTION.

[Rome Correspondence.]

We have had what may be termed a singular epilogue to the drama of the Fadda trial. It will be remembered that Antoinetta Carrozza, the mistress of Cardinali, was acquitted on the score of her complicity in the murder having been due to "irresistible force," as the phrase goes here. This phrase is too often used to excuse what is inexcusable, and to shirk the due legal punishment for crime. A man gets into a blind rage and stabs another dead in some trival quarrel, and his advocate points out to the jury that the assassin was the victim of irresistible

But in Carrozza's case her advocate pointed out that by "irresistible force" he intended a real tyranny and pressure exerted upon her by Cardinali, in whose power she and her children were. Be this as it may, she was released from cus tody, as we know, after undergoing a year's imprisonment previous to and during the trial. Almost immediately it was stated in the public prints that several rival circus managers were in treaty to secure her services, and finally it was announced that she was engaged by M. Suhr, of the Politeama, to appear at his circus for ten nights. It is stated that she receives 200 francs a night for each performance. Now, this woman is utterly inefficient in her calling. She has neither natural grace nor artificial train-ing to enable her to delight or astonish

the public by her feats.

Moreover, the little she ever could do has been, of course, diminished by the physical results of a year's imprisonment and thirty days of such a harrowing trial as she has just undergone. There is, therefore, no room for discussion as to the grounds on which Mr. Suhr has thought it worth while to engage her at a large salary. Those grounds are simply the horrible notoriety she has acquired from the Fadda murder c se, and the feverish interest and curiosity of the public as to all concerning the case. She was an accessory before the fact to a cruel and cold-blooded murder; and for this reason, and no other, the circus man-ager conceived that she would attract large audiences. His anticipations have

unable to obtain admission, and such was the concourse without, as well as within, by one of the Roman daily papers that not fewer than five thousand persons flocked to the Politeama on Monday evening to witness the debut of Antoin-etta Carrozza. And it is as well to note that these five thousand were by no means drawn exclusively from the lower or even the lower middle class. There were personages of political and social celebrity, honorable Deputies and ladies of rank and fashion.

But the magnitude of the gathering was not the most remarkable feature of the evening. What was especially striking was the reception accorded to Carrozza. - Before her appearance a printed paper was circulated in the theater, in which it was set forth that there had been rumors of a "hostile demonstration" pointed. Her husband, however, was in the highest spirits. He had not told her anything yet, and, now that the suspense Letitia, and lived on the most affectionwas just over, it is sad to say that Letitia's happy faith began to flag a little. She was tired, perhaps; at any rate, she thought that secrets and wagers and all recalled several times. The scene, beroine of the evening was evidently suffer ing from intense apprehension and excitement, and the gaudy and brilli nt costume which she wore served only to emphasize the misery which it could not disguise.

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